

BAN ON IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES

Japanese Suggests Method of Settling Dispute Over California Land Laws.

Dr. Shoshuke Sato Discusses Issue. Recommends Citizenship for His Countrymen Already Here.

Sympathy for the President in his efforts to settle peacefully affairs in Mexico in which his country has merely a humanitarian interest was expressed today by Dr. Shoshuke Sato, who has been in America lecturing under the Carnegie endowment fund, and who was today the guest of the Japanese ambassador.

Dr. Sato will return to Washington again June 4 to pay his respects, by appointment, to President Wilson, before he leaves this country, June 10, to return to Japan.

He says when he returns to his country he will tell the emperor that his personal opinion is that the only way to settle the California land question is for the United States to grant citizenship to the sons of Nippon now in California, and that he will advise that no more Japanese immigrants be allowed in this country.

Though Dr. Sato denies that he has been commissioned to study this matter of international concern, it is believed that his opinion will have great weight with the emperor in the settlement of the California land question.

To Report to Mikado.

Dr. Sato said that as soon as he arrived in Japan he would report on the California question to the Japanese secretary of education and would also have an audience with the mikado.

"I have made a careful study of the California situation," Dr. Sato admitted, "and in my recommendations I will state that, in my opinion, there is but one way to settle the differences between the United States and Japan over the California question, and that is by granting citizenship to the Japanese now holding land in California. When this is done, Japan will have no further trouble with the United States. There are at present about 100,000 Japanese in the United States and more than half that number are qualified to become citizens of this country. Many of them have been born in the United States and they and their children will make as good citizens as the Germans, French or any others. They may have a natural feeling for their fatherland, the same as men of any other nation, but, if given the chance, will prove themselves good American citizens."

Further Recommendation.

"I will also recommend that no more immigrants come to this country, for, if they should, it would only have a tendency to renew the feeling in Japan. The matter can very easily be arranged by making an agreement or new treaty between the countries."

"At present Japan has a very able and level-headed ambassador in Washington and there is no doubt that he will arrange matters satisfactorily with Secretary Bryan. There is no need for the matter to be arbitrated, as it is a question that should be settled in a most friendly manner."

"Japan will show its friendship to the United States by not pressing the California matter until the Mexican question is settled. The Japanese government is of the opinion that the California question is a matter within the jurisdiction of the federal government, and should be settled in Washington."

In Bad Plight.

"The Japanese in California are now in a very bad way, and the people of California do not care what becomes of them. By giving them citizenship and a vote the tension would be relieved. Japan has nothing to gain by going to war with the United States, and I personally do not think that a conflict between the two nations will ever occur."

As to Mexico, there are a number of Japanese who have gone to that country to engage in agricultural pursuits, but in my opinion it would be better for them to go to Brazil or some other country in South America. The people who are shouting for war between the United States and Japan have ships, armor or stores to sell, and do not represent the highest class of people in either country."

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Upon the authority of the Greek government, Dr. Alexander Vouras, Greek chargé d'affaires, has given out a statement denying a charge contained in a statement of the imperial Ottoman embassy, "that persecutions of all kinds which the populations of the ceded provinces have committed against their fellow-countrymen, professing the Mohammedan religion, have caused the Ottoman government to address an urgent request to the Balkan cabinets in order to put an end to this persecution, which would compel the Mussulmans to abandon their homes."

The charges made by the Turkish government," says the statement, "are absolutely without foundation. A very careful investigation instituted by the governor general of Macedonia, which was communicated to the Ottoman imperial government, proved that the charges made by the Turks are either imaginary, or else of a minor importance, and that the Greek authorities punish severely any person who would molest, however slightly, a Mussulman."

Satisfaction Expressed.

"The Hellenic government is in possession of written statements of the religious heads of the various Mussulman communities, expressing their highest satisfaction and gratitude for the conduct of the Greek authorities, and the fatherly manner with which they are discharging their heavy task."

"On the contrary, the Greek element in Turkey, and especially in Thrace, has been for some time exposed to the most cruel persecutions. The inhabitants of the new vilayets in Turkey undergo untold sufferings; men are being killed, women outraged, homes sacked and churches profaned. The inhabitants are despoiled of all their belongings and forced to live in a state of painful destitution. The forced exodus of Greeks from Thrace is becoming general, and thousands seek refuge in Greece in a totally worn-out state, and deprived of every means of livelihood, thereby imposing a great burden on the home government for their care and sustenance. A protest was addressed to the sublime Porte against this deplorable state of affairs, and the great powers were likewise advised."

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